

REMARKS

Claims 1, 3, 4, 6 and 7 remain pending in the present application. Claims 2 and 5 have been cancelled. Claims 1, 3, 4 and 6 have been amended. Claim 7 is new. Basis for the amendments and new claims can be found throughout the specification, claims and drawings originally filed.

TRANSLATIONS

Enclosed is a full translation of JP-A-S61-037516 as requested by the Examiner. Also enclosed is an IDS citing two additional JP references. A partial translation of JP-A-H02-88323 and a full machine translation of JP-A-H09-52516 is enclosed.

REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 2 and 5 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over the combined teachings of JP 61-37516 and either Ota (U.S. Pat. No. 6,389,824) or Kayakawa (U.S. Pat. No. 4,730,986). Claims 2 and 5 have been cancelled. Reconsideration of the rejection is respectfully requested.

ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

Claims 1 and 4 were indicated as being allowable by the Examiner subject to a full understanding of JP-A-S61-037516. Applicants believe Claims 1 and 4 patentably distinguish over the JP-A-S61-037516 reference.

Claims 3 and 6 were objected to by the Examiner subject to a full understanding of JP-A-S61-037516. Claim 3 depended on Claim 2, Claim 3 has been written in

independent form to include the limitations of Claim 2 and is thus believed to distinguish over the JP-A-S61-037516 reference. Claim 6 depends from Claim 3.

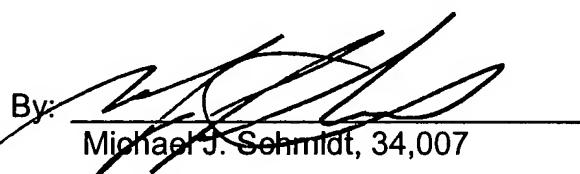
NEW CLAIM

New Claim 7 is a dependent claim which Applicants believe properly further limits Claim 1.

CONCLUSION

It is believed that all of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicants therefore respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw all presently outstanding rejections. It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action and the present application is in condition for allowance. Thus, prompt and favorable consideration of this amendment is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (248) 641-1600.

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